

Chairmanship of Prof. Hanumantha Rao and which has been accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Government of Uttaranchal has informed that all facilities including roads, electricity, drinking water supply, irrigation and other essential community facilities *i.e.* schools, barat ghar, shops, dispensaries, Places of worship, etc. have been provided at Mauja Pathri/Suman Nagar, Bahadradab rehabilitation sites in District Haridwar.

THDC has informed that the Government of Uttaranchal has provided adequate facilities of irrigation like tube-well and irrigation guls to each agricultural plot. Therefore, the need to provide electric connections on individual field/plot for irrigation is obviated. Further electric connections can be provided by the State Power Distribution Utility on application of the individual also.

(b) THDC has informed that all rehabilitation work have been executed by the State agencies as per the policy provisions.

(c) THDC has informed that the requisite number of electricity poles have been erected along the main approach road and the main irrigation guls upto Bandha No. 5 to provide the electric connections to each tube-well. It has been informed that all the agricultural plots are provided with adequate irrigation facility.

(d) No, Sir, in view of reply to parts (a) and (c) above.

(e) Does not arise.

Status of Dabhol Power Plant

1292. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to sell off Dabhol Power Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are unable to provide cheaper fuel to the Dabhol Project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any action plan for the viable functioning of the project?

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THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Viability of Dabhol Power Project is based on LNG/Gas as fuel. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas who are facilitating sourcing of LNG/gas for this project have informed that:

- (i) Pending LNG terminal becoming fully operational, the RLNG will be transported from Dahej LNG terminal through Dahej-Uran Pipeline (DUPL) and Dabhol-Panvel Pipeline (DPPL), being laid by GAIL. These pipelines would be commissioned by the end of March, 2007.
- (ii) Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL) is discussing with RasGas Qatar for import of 1.2 MMTPA LNG on short term basis from 2007-2009. PLL has reported that RasGas has confirmed supply of 3 cargoes every-two-months-meaning 18 cargoes during a year, *i.e.* 1.20 to 1.25 to 1.25 MMTPA. It is pertinent to mention that this is the maximum additional LNG, which PLL can handle, because of constraints of storage and regasification capacity. The price is under discussion between PLL and RasGas, Qatar.
- (iii) GAIL is also holding discussions with Sonatrach, Algeria for supply of 1.2 MMTPA LNG on long term basis from 2009. Further discussions in this regard with Sonatrach are expected to be held in November/December, 2006 in Algeria. GAIL is also discussing with various other potential gas suppliers for sourcing LNG for the project on long term basis.

Clearance of power projects

1293. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is thinking of putting clearance process of power projects on the fast track to speed up the augmentation of capacity;

(b) whether this process is applicable to only public sector